

Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Joint Committee on Aviation Pathology

**Summary.** This revision implements DOD Directive 5154.11, 7 August 1985.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to the military departments, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), and with the concurrence of appropriate authority, representatives from the military services of the United Kingdom and Canada.

**Impact on the Unit Manning System.** This regulation does not contain information that affects the Unit Manning System.

**Internal control systems.** This regulation is not subject to the requirements of AR 11-2. It does not contain internal control provisions.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval of HQDA(SGPS-ZA), 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3258.

**Interim changes.** Interim changes to this regulation are not official unless they are authenticated by The Adjutant General. Users will destroy interim changes on their expiration dates unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

**Committee continuance approval.** The DA Committee Management Officer concurs in the continuance of the Joint Committee on Aviation Pathology, which was established by AR 15-97, 3 September 1957.

**Suggested improvements.** The proponent agency of this regulation is the Office of The Surgeon General, HQDA. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) or a related form directly to HQDA (SGPS-ZA), 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3258.

### 1. Purpose

This regulation defines the mission, composition, and direction and control of the Joint Committee on Aviation Pathology.

### 2. Mission

The Joint Committee on Aviation Pathology will be concerned with all matters relating to the role of pathology as applied to aviation and flight safety, and act as the focal point for disseminating information on the subject. It will operate as a joint committee in accordance with provisions of DOD Directive 5105.18. The committee will operate and address the following specific areas:

- a. Collection of information regarding the correlation between pathological evidence and the causes of aircraft accidents.
- b. Initiation of detailed pathological investigations that may yield information on the causes of unexplained aircraft accidents.
- c. Improvement of flight safety as a result of pathological data.
- d. Investigation of possible harmful changes caused by repeated and prolonged exposure to environmental factors and forces present in flight.

e. Investigation of psychological and physiological factors that produce pathological changes as a result of flight stress.

f. Establishment of an aircraft accident registry, including the accumulation of detailed accident information analysis and pathological data for the correlation injury analysis from a large series of cases.

### 3. References

Related publications are listed below. A related publication is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this regulation.

- a. AFR 160-109 (Medical Investigation of Aircraft Midship Facilities).
- b. AR 40-2 (Army Medical Treatment Facilities, General Administration).
- c. DOD Directive 5105.18 (DOD Committee Management Program). This publication may be obtained from the Naval Publications and Forms Center (NPFC), Code 3015, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120-5099, using DD Form 1425 (Specifications and Standards Requisition).
- d. OPNAVINST 3750.6N (The Naval Aviation Safety Program). (Also stocked at the NPFC.)

\*This regulation supersedes AR 15-97/BUMEDINST 6510.6A ENCL (1)/AFR 161-41, 20 February 1975.

**4. Explanation of abbreviations**

- a. AFIP . . . . . Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.
- b. DOD . . . . . Department of Defense.
- c. HQDA . . . . . Headquarters, Department of the Army.
- d. NPFC . . . . . Naval Publications and Forms Center.

**5. Composition of the committee***a. Appointed representatives.*

(1) The Secretaries of the military departments will each designate two representatives from their respective military services to serve as committee members. These members will be, or be the equivalent to, the rank of Army captain or above.

(2) The Director, AFIP will designate two members of AFIP to serve as committee members. These members will be, or be equivalent to, the rank of Army captain or above.

(3) The United Kingdom and Canada may designate two members from their military services to serve as liaison officers to the committee. These liaison officers may be of any rank stipulated by their respective countries.

(4) Names of the appointed representatives will be forwarded to the secretary of the committee. Any changes of member representatives will be submitted directly to the secretary of the committee.

*b. Invited observers.* Representatives may invite observers from their own or other interested government and civilian agencies as considered appropriate by the committee.

*c. Committee chairperson.* The committee members will choose a chairperson. This position will rotate annually among the representative agencies. The chairperson will be, or be equivalent to, the rank of Army lieutenant colonel or above.

*d. Committee secretary.* One of the AFIP representatives will serve as secretary of the committee. The

secretary will be appointed by the Director, AFIP, with the advice and consent of the committee. The secretary's term of office will be continuous at the direction of the Director, AFIP and the committee.

**6. Direction and control***a. Meetings.*

(1) The committee will meet at the call of the chairperson in Washington, DC or other designated location.

(2) The committee will sponsor a biennial scientific session, hosted in rotation by member agencies, for presentation of scientific papers on aerospace pathology, or related subjects, to further committee policies.

*b. The Director, AFIP will—*

(1) Provide administrative support (space and clerical) for the committee within the limit of its available resources.

(2) Maintain a permanent file of the findings and other records of the committee. Abstracts of the findings and committee reports will be made available to member agencies and, when appropriate, to medical and research activities of other government and civilian agencies that have an interest in such matters.

*c. Travel and per diem.* Each military service will provide travel and per diem for members and invited observers from its service.

**7. Correspondence**

All requests on committee activities will be sent to—  
Secretary, Joint Committee on Aviation  
Pathology

Armed Forces Institute of Pathology

ATTN: AFIP-CPL

WASH DC 20306-6000

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